

# DRAFT

## MINUTES

### Waterworks Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: November 21, 2002

Meeting Location: Sydnor Hydrodynamics, Richmond, VA

Committee Members (or representatives) present: See the attached attendance log

Others Present:

Mark Anderson, VDH

Mark Tufaro, SCC

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Ray Jackson, Chair, with Tom Gray as Secretary.

The minutes of September 19, 2002, were unanimously adopted as written.

#### Chair Report

Ray Jackson asked if anyone knew of projects yet under the Virginia Public Private Education and Facilities Act. No one knew of any. He discussed the status of the COE in the King William proposed reservoir. Ray Jackson pointed out an OpFlow article regarding antennas in water tanks and his concern with the practice. He advised everyone that the SE RCAP bulletins are informative reading.

#### Future

Tom Gray reported on the mid-January 2003 start of the National Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey. All medium and large Virginia waterworks will be affected.

#### Water Policy Update

The WAC's work on this issue was discussed; the Commissioner asking the WAC to work on it through preparation of Code changes. Presently a State Water Commission/Governor Warner's Administration joint Technical Advisory Group is working on proposing a policy. The group's 22 members have not agreed on anything as of the second meeting on November 14, 2002. It was discussed that the Board of Health has not been fully involved. The next meeting is to be January 5, 2003. Bob Taylor said that Mr. Hicks has asked for Ray Jackson, Bob Taylor, etc. to meet with Ms. Beales of the Board of Health to advise her. The WAC discussed the general observation that the TAC process is confused, has no rudder, and no direction. The WAC voted to have Ray Jackson send the Commissioner letters pressing for more involvement in this process and the definite need for a policy. Any water policy planning needs a 40-50 year period.

#### Reorganization Powerpoint

Professor Drewry at ODU is pushing a proposal to move VDH's wastewater and drinking water to DEQ. Supposedly he was meeting with DEQ yesterday. As we have heard these proposals before, we'll just wait to see what happens.

### Drought

Bob Taylor – It has been raining for 6 weeks. Carvins Cove is up 10'; Portsmouth's reservoirs are up to 85% full. Things are looking good, but groundwater still needs a recharge – VDH will pursue getting PWSs to reassess safe yield calculations.

### Security

Mark Anderson provided a one page handout to assist in updating WAC members. Security vulnerability assessments must be done by 4 PWSs (>50,000) by December 31, 2003. Other medium sized are to finish by June 30, 2004. Mark Anderson is preparing for training sessions to use the VSAT software. These sessions would be in January and February 2003 and would provide 4-8 hours hands on with VSAT. Those PWSs with less than 3,300 people have no requirement.

Bob Taylor stated that VDH has a grant from EPA to pay for a VDH security coordinator. We should be able to fill such a position.

### Legislation

Federal – No one knows of impending Federal regulations.

State – There will likely be a few bills related to drinking water.

Elmer Handy stated that he hoped legislation would occur to drop the MTBE sampling requirement. It costs Bedford County PSA \$8,000 per year.

The state budget is being finalized and the Governor will introduce it next month. There was rumor that the Senate thought there would be more fees.

### VDH

Bob Taylor stated that the Division's strategic plan tracking showed 60% completion of the tasks. One item accomplished is an Employee Recognition Plan but it has no cash awards.

Operation Permit Fees – The WAC was told of year end balance and our hope to retain all of it. The Division's budget comes from 3 sources: 22.81% General Fund; 28.68% Federal; and 48.51% operation fees. The routine fee collection status report was handed out; as of November 18, 2002, \$2.1 million has been collected for the fiscal year.

Innovative Technology – Bob Taylor handed out a list of the various technologies approved by the Division.

### DEQ

No report

DCLS

No report

Bob Taylor discussed that the Division was concerned that emergency sampling may not be available to the Division. We'll continue to work with DCLS to ensure the Division has direct access.

SCC

Marc Tufaro reported that Philadelphia Suburban has filed to acquire Aqua Source. Also he discussed an issue regarding the threshold of self service of drinking water where a certificate exists.

DHCD

Elizabeth Boehringer reported the establishment of the Dry Well Program. \$2.5 million will be available from Block Grant and Indoor Plumbing funds. Up to \$5,000 per well will be allocated. A program guide is expected to be published this week.

Next Meeting

The January 2003 meeting will be in the office of Sydnor Hydrodynamics.

With no further business, it was motioned and unanimously carried to adjourn at 1:54 p.m.

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Thomas B. Gray, Secretary

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Ray Jackson, Chair

# WATERWORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDANCE REPORT

x = present

o = absent

# = substitute sent

Year: 2002

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Meeting</u>					
		<u>Jan</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Nov</u>
AWWA	Ray A. Jackson	x	x	x	o	x	x
VWWA	Gary F. Burner	x	o	o	x	x	x
CEC	Edwin G. Snyder	x	o	o	o	o	x
Faculty	Gary S. Schaffran	o	o	x	o	x	o
Water Operator Class I	Melvin Collins (started Sept).	x	x	o	x	x	o
VSPE	Charles J. Jeckell	x	x	o	x	x	x
Community Waterworks Owner	Jesse L. Royall, Jr.	x	x	x	x	x	x
NTNC Representative	Robert J. Robinson	o	o	x	x	o	x
VRWA	Elmer Handy (Started in November)	x	x	x	x	x	x
SE/RCAP	Mary Terry	x	x	o	x	o	x
VML	Bob Benninger	x	x	o	o	x	o
VACO	Nelson Reid	x	o	x	x	x	x
Citizen	Marsha Parkinson (Started in November)	x	x	o	x	x	x
Ex-Offico Members:							
Director, Office of Environmental Health Services (VDH) Robert W. Hicks		o	o	o	o	o	o
Director, Div. of Consolidated Laboratory Services, Dept. of General Services Representative: Tom York (Substitute: Ed Shaw)		#	x	#	#	x	o
Director, Division of Drinking Water (VDH) Robert B. Taylor (effective Dec. 25, 1999)		x	#	#	x	o	x
Dept. of Environmental Quality Representative: Larry G. Lawson, Director, Office of Water Resource Management		x	#	o	o	o	o
Dept. of Housing & Community Development Representative: Elizabeth Boehringer (effective Jan. 1, 2001)		x	x	o	o	x	x
State Corporation Commission	John Stevens (Substitute: Marc Tufaro)	#	#	#	#	#	#
VWEF	Herb Dawson	x	x	o	o	x	o
WAC Secretary: Thomas B. Gray		x	x	#	o	x	x